



The Alaskan Way Viaduct & Seawall Replacement Project



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Introduction

The Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Project database contains 6,541 comments, 105 of which were submitted in February 2006.

Origin of Comments

Sixty of the comments received were from community briefings. Thirty-three were submitted via e-mail. Eleven were submitted over the phone, and one was delivered through the mail.

Fifty-three comments were received from the central area of the project, sixteen comments were from the north area, and fifteen comments came from the south region of the project. Six comments came from outside the project area, and the origin of sixteen comments could not be determined.

Comment Categories

Each comment submitted is categorized by the content of the message. Please note that depending on content, some comments were grouped into more than one category. There are 60 comment categories divided into five sections. The sections are economic, structures/locations, transportation, design and construction, and environmental/public safety. The comment categories range from cost and freight to traffic, air pollution and public safety.

Comments were received in the areas listed below. These are groups of similar categories with the ideas that were expressed in the comments.

Design/Construction:

This group includes categories such as construction, urban design, the seawall, and engineering. There were 36 comments identified in this group.

- If you build the southern and northern ends first, can you reduce the impact to the heart of the city?
- Absent cost, what construction timeframe has the least, or best, community impact?
- Are you looking at prefabricated elements that can be dropped into place?
- How long will construction last?

Economic:

This group includes categories such as cost, funding, property value/acquisition, and tolls. There were 23 comments in this group.

- Would it help to break down the costs of the project segments?
- Does the total project cost include funding for above grade improvements like the Central Waterfront Plan?
- Is the business and construction mitigation strategy part of the SDEIS or the FEIS?
- Just remember Boston's Big Dig if you want a refresher in cost overruns.

Transportation:

This group includes categories such as traffic, connections/circulations, pedestrians, and bicycles. There were 17 comments in this group.

- What's the plan for bikes in the south end?
- Will the Roy Street/Aurora interchange have a bike/pedestrian crossing?
- How will I get from West Seattle to Seattle Center?
- Is it counterintuitive to remove Broad and then lower other roadways, creating the same effect?

Environmental/Public Safety:

This group includes categories like noise, public safety, earthquakes, and visual quality. There were six comments in this group.

- Whichever part of the highway is exposed, could you provide noise mitigation?
- Is the tunnel seismically safe?
- It would be wonderful to remove this eyesore from our waterfront.

Transit:

This group includes categories like monorail, light rail, and transit. There was one comment in this group.

- Where will the pullouts for bus-rapid transit be located on SR 99?